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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is in response to the Final Action dated September 15, 2006. Please consider the following.

the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.